

SENATE BILL 1019

By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to public education grades kindergarten  
through twelve (K-12).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) After July 1, 2007, to receive a full diploma upon graduation from high school, a student shall pass the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program tests as adopted by the state board of education, with scores established by the board. Students may take each of the required tests at any administration and in any order upon completion of the required coursework. The state board of education shall establish by regulation additional requirements for students who do not pass the required tests. Such requirements may include remedial work that may be counted only for elective credit toward graduation. Such requirements shall prescribe remedial assistance to prepare students who retake any of the required tests.

(2) After July 1, 2007, the board shall adopt a certificate indicating attendance or less-than-satisfactory performance, which shall be presented to students who do not receive a passing score and are not eligible for a full diploma.

(b) Before graduation, every student shall have the opportunity to take an exit examination as adopted by the state board of education. The results of these examinations shall be shared with the legislative oversight committee on education.

(c) All tests developed or used to implement this section, all banks of questions, all field testing documents used as background for the development of the tests, and all answers shall be kept confidential when and for so long as is necessary to protect the integrity of the tests, and accordingly, are exempt from the requirements of § 10-7-503.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.